

FISCAL NOTE

SB 586 - HB 801

February 9, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds language to TCA 47-18-104 that makes it an unfair or deceptive act for a telecommunications service provider to bill for calls made on a cellular or other wireless telephone in more than one-tenth of a minute increments or for a telecommunications service provider to charge or bill for calls received on a cellular or other wireless telephone. Failure to comply with the provisions of this bill shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive practice under TCA 47-18-104, which is a Class B misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

State Revenues - Net Impact - Not Significant

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- Most cellular and wireless plans are based on monthly rate packages of allowable minutes. Changes provided in the bill are not estimated to materially impact sales of these rate packages and thus are not estimated to significantly impact revenues of telecommunication providers. Therefore, the bill is not estimated to have a significant impact on state or local government taxes.
- Any increase in state revenues from the levying and collection of civil penalties for violations of the provisions of this bill will not be significant.
- Any increase in state expenditures associated with the investigation of violations of the provisions of this bill will not be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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